GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:420
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DETECTION OF TUNNEL NEAR INDO PAK BORDER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tunnel has been detected recently in a field near the Indo-Pak border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the action initiated against the persons found involved in such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A tunnel, the digging of which was still in progress, was detected on 1.3.2001 about 55 yards on our side from the border-fence in the general area of Chauntra in Gurdaspur. The entry point of the tunnel was found to be in Pakistan, about 50 yards away from the International Border.

A Special Court of Inquiry has been conducted inthis case. The court has blamed supervisory staff for dereliction of duty. Departmental disciplinary action is being initiated accordingly.